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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Seoul Bureau - June 1986

1. GENERAL

1. Student demonstrations and acts of violence, with increasingly anti-American overtones, continued in June, though the number of incidents decreased as students prepared for final examinations. U.S. interests in Korea have become primary targets of radical activity. At about 9:15 pm on 8 June nine students attempted to occupy the Embassy. Three climbed over a fence and were apprehended by Embassy guards in the parking lot; police seized the other six before they got into the Embassy compound. The students possessed American flags, gasoline-soaked torches, and radical leaflets. They apparently hoped to overpower the guards, get inside the Embassy, and hold it by force long enough to attract international media attention. Bureau operations were unaffected, though staff on duty at the time heard the commotion outside. Security around the Embassy has been increased since April; more guards are on duty at all times and all vehicles are searched before entering the compound. A series of telephoned death threats to Americans in Seoul has also caused official concern. Businessmen, journalists and missionaries have been the most common targets, though the Ambassador's wife received an obscene call which may have been related. Recipients of the calls typically are told they will be killed if they do not leave Korea in one week. So far none of the threats has been carried out.

2. On 2 June, senior editor [] participated along with other Embassy officials in a helicopter trip to the DMZ organized by the Defense Attache Office. Aboard an eight-seat Black Hawk helicopter, the group flew to Camp Red Cloud in Uijongbu, about 20 miles north of Seoul, where they were received by LTJ James E. Moore, Jr, Commanding General, Combined Field Army ROK/U.S. Headquarters, and MG Pak Chung-ung, Deputy Commanding General. After a briefing on CFA activities they were lunch guests of Generals Moore and Pak. After lunch, they flew north, passing over the site of the 4077th MASH Unit and Pork Chop Hill, both famed in Korean War annals, to the Radar Station 7 observation post 4 kilometers

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from the DMZ. Proceeding by jeep up the mountain to the observation post, they were briefed on the operation there. They then flew west along the DMZ toward the truce village of Panmunjom, flew over the Joint Security Area and "Freedom Bridge" and back to Seoul.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Bureau wordage for June shattered the previous record of October 1985. Of the 756,000 total, Korean translated wordage was 300,000, an incredible figure, even when the 56 takes of Kim Il-song's lecture on party building requested by the BBC are taken into account. There was no letup in processing the entire month. Chinese Unit wordage was over 200,000, one of the highest totals ever. Most of the wordage came from provincial press reports on 5-year plans and targets.

While the Chinese wordage should drop to normal summer levels, Korean output probably will remain high all summer. The KPA military talks proposal aftermath, the Olympics cohosting issue, major DPRK anniversaries, and political events in the ROK all point to a very busy summer.

2. After a period of frustration involving television equipment, recording difficulties, and antenna connection problems, the Bureau is now receiving high-quality videotapes of Pyongyang television transmissions. The equipment was installed on 4 June and we began filing VSL's from the 21 June footage. The recording operation should improve with the installation in Panmunjom of new recording equipment Okinawa Bureau is procuring for us. Recordings are made by duty personnel attached to the Joint Duty Office in the Joint Security Area of Panmunjom. The tapes are delivered by UN Command couriers the morning after transmission to the UNC Secretariat in Seoul, and an Army courier brings them to the Embassy. They are usually available in the Bureau by early afternoon.

A Moscow TV-style discussion program on the KPA tripartite military talks proposal, broadcast on 21 June, was particularly interesting. Two of the five participants were KPA lieutenant generals, and another was Chon Kum-chol, who heads the DPRK side to the joint parliamentary talks. Pyongyang radio carried a similar roundtable program on the 24th with the same participants, but the last half of the television program differed considerably. Since the Bureau began receiving Pyongyang television footage in 1981, our monitors have never observed this kind of discussion program, or the appearance of such high-ranking KPA officers in programming.

B. Technical

Work continues on the virtual demolition of the Bureau's remote antenna site at Pyongtaek. The Bureau's coverage of PRC regional stations has been affected. So far we have lost coverage of Tianjin City Service, and the Harbin, Shenyang and Changchun Provincial Services are poorly heard at best. The U.S. Army has agreed to relocate a beverage antenna for us, but not until later in the summer after other work in the antenna field is completed. We will also install a dipole on the Embassy roof, and are negotiating with Army Signals Maintenance personnel on temporary installation of a longwire at Pyongtaek.

C. Lateral Services

During May Okinawa Bureau passed to the Bureau a request for old Korean-language newspapers from the 3d Interrogator-Translator Unit of the 3d Marine Division in Okinawa. The Bureau has been sending bundles of papers weekly and in June received a letter of appreciation from the Unit. The letter says the papers provide "invaluable training" for Korean linguists attached to the unit, and thanks the Bureau for "outstanding support".

III> ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Editor [] arrived PCS from Gulf Bureau on 21 June. [] replaces [] who left on the 29th for a period of leave without pay in Texas.

2. During an awards ceremony on 27 June, [] was promoted to FBN 12 and thus became the Bureau's first Chief Monitor. [] was the second employee hired after the Bureau was established in 1976. Other promotions were presented to: Korean Senior Monitor [] to FBN 11; Chinese Monitor [] to FBN 9; Associate Editor [] to FBN 10; and Communicators [] to FBN 6. Senior Chinese Monitor [] and Senior Communicator [] received Quality Step Increases.

IV. VISITS

Okinawa Bureau Senior Editor [] visited the Bureau on 15 June, while on private travel in Korea.

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Acting/Chief, Seoul Bureau

Attachment

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
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Seoul Bureau Production Report for June 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	756150
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	152590
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1616

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	13265.00	5510.00	100.46
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA			
Beijing International service in Korean to Korea	1200		
Beijing City Service in Mandarin	150		
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin	8300		
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	6670		
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in Mandarin	7120		
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin	7150		
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in Mandarin	950		
Shijiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service in Mandarin	1550		
Tianjin City Service in Mandarin	1100		
Beijing BEIJING RIBAO in Chinese			47250
Changchun JILIN RIBAO in Chinese			350
Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			56270
Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in Chinese			40800
Shenyang DONGBEI JINGJI BAO in Chinese			1850
Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO in Chinese			2200
Shijiazhuang HEBEI RIBAO in Chinese			15280

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO in Chinese			20920
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Voice of National Salvation in Korean to South Korea	26150		
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	213900		
Pyongyang Television Service in Korean	3050		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		154150	
Pyongyang Editorial Report on DPRK korean			800
Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean			14650
Pyongyang NODONG SINMUN in Korean			0
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	2900		
Seoul YONHAP in English		34920	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			2000
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			1500
Seoul Editorial Report on ROK Media korean			1500
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			0
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			0
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			0
Seoul SINTONG-A in Korean			0
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			31050
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			44820
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			3450
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS Moscow International Service in Korean	2200		